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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-12 and 14-28 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-12 and 14-28 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 30 June 2003 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 06/30/2003.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: ____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

2. Claims 1-12, 14-28 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by White et al. (US 6,069,890, hereinafter “White”).

Regarding claims 1-4, 8-10, 25-28, White discloses a communications system (Figure 4) comprising:

a telephone (telephone 100);

a data network (internet 106);

a device (gateway router 104 coupled to internet 106 and telephone 100 via LEC 102);

a communications routine executable in the device to control communications of voice data between the telephone and the data network (gateway router 104 includes processor interface 206 and router 204; Figure 7);

a speech recognition routine (gateway router 104 includes voice recognition 208 which receives a spoken domain or host name of the called

party with which a telephone-to-computer voice communication is established;
col. 10, line 53 - col. 11, line 18).

Regarding claim 5, telephone 100 and gateway router 104 are connected to a Local Exchange Carrier 102 (col. 7, lines 45-64).

Regarding claims 6, 7, 14-18, POTS telephones 56 and 58 can communication via Internet 84 or PSTN 57 (Figure 2).

Regarding claim 11, telephones 56 and 58 are coupled to PSTN 57 (Figure 2).

Regarding claim 12, White discloses a system for connection to a data network (Internet 106), comprising:

an interface circuit (gateway router 104) capable of being coupled to a telephone network (LEC 102) having a telephone (telephone 100);

a controller (processor interface 206 adapted to communicate voice data between the telephone 100 and the Internet 106 and to receive a voice command at voice recognition 208, which receives a spoken domain or host name of the called party with which a telephone-to-computer voice call is placed; col. 10, line 53 - col. 11, line 18).

Regarding claims 19-20, 22, White discloses a method of placing network telephone calls, the method comprising:

establishing a connection with a data network (telephone 100 requests an Internet telephone call to a computer by dialing the prefix *83; col. 10, lines 30-55);

receiving voice data from a telephone, said voice data contains voice commands (voice recognition 208 receives a spoken domain or host name of the called party with which a telephone-to-computer voice call is placed; col. 10, line 53 – col. 11, line 18);

interpreting the voice commands from the telephone (via voice card 208);
and

transferring the voice data from the telephone to the data network (voice communication from telephone 100 is passed over the Internet 106 to the called party; col. 11, lines 36-40).

Regarding claim 21, voice data is received over local loop 103 (Figure 4).

Regarding claims 23-24, the called party is alerted of the telephone-to-computer call via a distinctive ring signal (col. 11, lines 41-47).

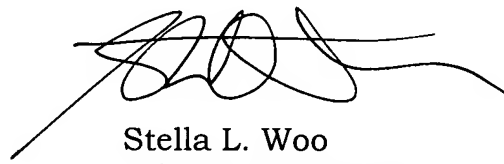
Conclusion

3. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Komuro, Chan et al., and Deng show other relevant Internet telephony systems.

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Stella L. Woo whose telephone number is (571) 272-7512. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Tuesday, Thursday-Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Curtis Kuntz can be reached on (571) 272-7499. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Stella L. Woo', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

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